

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Business in the Share Market has been a dead letter this morning, not a single transaction having come under our notice. Late yesterday afternoon Docks were placed on the market at 60 premium, but were quickly snapped up, and the stock is now in request at 63 for the end of the month. Both cables between here and Shanghai have broken down, and this doubtless has some effect on the Share Market here. Between Shanghai and Foochow there are, at present, no means of telegraphic communication, and it is also rumoured that the line has broken down in the north of Russia. Until these breakages have been repaired it is not likely that many changes in our share list will take place.

4 o'clock p.m.

Since noon a fair business has to be chronicled. Banks have changed hands at 205 per cent. premium for the end of the month. Small sales of Hongkong Shares have taken place at \$347 1/2 per share, and Steamboats have been put through at 47 premium. Docks are firm at quotation, and on time have been dealt in at 63 premium for August 31st. China Sugars at \$209 per share having changed hands on the same terms. Nothing else came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—104 per cent. premium.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue—102 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$650 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$2,700 per share, buyers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,600 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$120 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1075 per share, ex. div. buyers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$230 per share, ex. div. sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$347 1/2 per share, buyers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$380 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—62 per cent. premium.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$47 per share, premium, ex. div. sales.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$175 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—15 per cent. div. sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$208 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—2 per cent. premium.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$78 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$161 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1 1/2 per cent. prem. ex. int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2 per cent. prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/7 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 3/7 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 3/7 1/2
Bank Bills, at 6 months sight 3/8
Credits, at 4 months sight 3/8 1/2
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 3/8 1/2 @ 3/8 1/2
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/56
Credits, at 1 month sight 4/56
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. 22 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. 22 1/2
On Demand 22 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 7 1/2
Private, 30 days sight 7 1/2

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA.....per picul, \$530
(Allowance, Tels. 24.)
OLD MALWA.....per picul, \$570
(Allowance, Tels. 12.)
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest, \$587 1/2
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, \$595
NEW PATNA (second choice) per chest, \$585
NEW PATNA (bottom).....per chest, \$597 1/2
OLD PATNA (without choice) per chest, \$600
OLD PATNA (bottom).....per chest, \$605
BENARES (without choice) per chest, \$555
BENARES (bottom).....per chest, \$556 1/2
NEW PERSIAN (best quality).....per picul,
OLD PERSIAN (best quality).....per picul,
OLD PERSIAN (second quality).....per picul,

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The steamer *Oceanic*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on Thursday, the 2nd instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on the 8th.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The French mail steamer *Arca*, with the incoming mail, left Saigon at 3 o'clock this morning, and may be expected to arrive here on the 10th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Teucer* left Singapore on Saturday afternoon, the 4th instant, for this port, and is due here on the 10th.

The steamship *Camorra* left Batavia for this port on the 1st instant, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 13th.

The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Tannadice* left Sydney on the 23rd ultimo, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 15th instant.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

GLENORCHY, British steamer, 1,775, F. Gedy, 6th August, London 24th June, and Singapore 1st August, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
EUROPA, German steamer, 1,003, Schado, 7th August—Nagasaki 1st August, Coals—Melchers & Co.
ESCURIAL, British steamer, 760, Peter Rott, 7th August—Saigon and August, Rice—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, R. F. Cullen, 7th August—Manila 4th August, General—Russell & Co.
KUNG-PAI, Chinese str., 602, Geo. Buchanan, 7th August—Canton 6th August, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Venice, British steamer, for Foochow, &c.
Diamante, British steamer, for Amoy.
Fokien, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Golonde, French steamer, for Shanghai.
Lucky, Siamese bark, for Shanghai.
Ellen, British bark, for Victoria (Vancouver's Island).

DEPARTURES.

August 7, *Ping-on*, British steamer, for Hoihow.
August 7, *Batanga*, Spanish str., for Manila.
August 7, *Fokien*, British steamer, for Port Darwin, Sydney, &c.
August 7, *Peking*, British steamer, for Shanghai.
August 7, *Fokien*, British steamer, for Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.
August 7, *Venice*, British steamer, for Foochow, Port Darwin, Sydney, &c.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Cesural*, str., from Saigon—30 Chinese.
Per *Glenorchy*, str., from London—Mr. Rogers from Singapore—Lofus Opera, Troupe, and 79 Chinese.
Per *Diamante*, str., from Manila—Mr. Wm. McG. Smith, and 75 Chinese.
Per *Venice*, str., for Foochow, &c.—3 Europeans and 66 Chinese.
Per *Diamante*, str., for Amoy—120 Chinese.
Per *Peking*, str., for Shanghai—1 European and 50 Chinese.
Per *Fokien*, str., for Swatow, &c.—100 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Diamante* reports left Manila on the 4th instant. Had moderate monsoon and cloudy weather.
The British steamship *Glenorchy* reports left London on the 24th June. Had fine weather to Cape Gardafui, then fresh gale with high sea for three days; after which had fine weather to Penang, where arrived on the 27th ultimo. Left Singapore at 10 a.m. on the 1st instant. Had fresh monsoon and fine clear weather to port.

FOOCHOW SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
21, Anierley, British steamer, from Hongkong.
21, Nanzing, British steamer, from Shanghai.
22, Denalder, British steamer, from Shanghai.
23, Ulysses, British steamer, from Shanghai.
23, Aberdeen, British steamer, from Shanghai.
24, May, British schooner, from Hongkong.
24, Kwangtung, British str., from Hongkong.
26, Hae-shin, Chinese steamer, from Hongkong.
26, Priam, British steamer, from Shanghai.
27, Charley, British bark, from Shanghai.
DEPARTURES.
21, Hae-shin, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
21, Guiding Star, British bark, for Tientsin.
21, Roslyn, British steamer, for London.
21, Ocean, British steamer, for Colonies.
22, Euxine, British steamer, for Colonies.
25, Ulysses, British steamer, for London.
26, Kwangtung, British str., for Hongkong.
26, Nanzing, British steamer, for Shanghai.
26, Aberdeen, British steamer, for London.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Nagasaki and Kobe—Per *Tachibana Maru*, to-day, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Amoy—Per *Diamante*, to-day, the 7th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow—Per *Kwangtung*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Amoy and Taiwan—Per *Albay*, to-morrow, the 8th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Straits and Bombay—Per *Geelong*, on Thursday, the 9th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Manila—Per *George Fuan*, on Thursday, the 9th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
For Straits and New York—Per *Yorkshire*, on Friday, the 10th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet "PESHAWUR" will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 16th instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australasian Colonies.
The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER.	WIND.	WAVE.	SEA.	WAVE.	SEA.	WAVE.	SEA.	WAVE.	SEA.
Barometer.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.
Thermometer attached.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.
Force of Wind.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.
Direction of Wind.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.
Dry Thermometer.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.
Wet Thermometer.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.
Hourly Rain.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.
Quantity fallen.....	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.	W. S.W.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Active, Danish steamer, 288, N. C. Rey, 6th August—Touren 31st July, and Hoihow 4th August, General—C. M. S. N. Co.
ALBAY, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, 5th August—Taiwan 2nd August, Amoy 3rd and Swatow 4th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.
ARABIC, British steamer, 287, W. G. Pearne, 7th August—San Francisco 28th June, and Yokohama 21st July, Mails and General—O. & S. S. Co.
CANTON, British steamer, 1,095, J. C. Jacques, 26th July—San Francisco 27th June, General—Russell & Co.
CHINKIANG, British steamer, 799, S. M. Orr, 29th July—Yokohama 19th July, and Nagasaki 24th, Coals—Siemens & Co.
CHURRUCIA, Spanish steamer, 403, G. de Hormachea, 23rd July—Manila 20th July, General and Coals—Remedios & Co.
CRUSADER, British steamer, 647, Rowin, 28th July—Saigon 23rd July, General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
EMUY, Spanish steamer, 410, Rementeria, 30th June—Manila 27th June, General—Remedios & Co.
Fame, British steamer, 117 (Stopan)—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.
GRELON, British steamer, 1,139, Case, 1st August—Bombay 14th July, and Singapore, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
GOLCONDE, French steamer, 3,041, Martine, 5th August—Marseilles, and Saigon 2nd August, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.
HAIWAN, British steamer, 281, W. Willis, 5th August—Haiphong 2nd August, and Hoihow 4th, General—Aloing.
INGO, German steamer, 672, Jesselsen, 10th July—Singapore 3rd July, General—Wieler & Co.
IPHIGENIA, German steamer, 1,059, F. Ahrens, 4th August—Canton 3rd August, General—Siemens & Co.
JAPAN, British steamer, 1,865, T. S. Gardner, 5th August—Calcutta 19th July, Sand Heads 20th, Penang 27th, and Singapore 30th, General—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
JUMBO, Spanish steamer, 1,719, 6th August—put back—Order.
KWANGTUNG, British steamer, 680, M. Young, 29th July—Foochow 26th July, Amoy 27th, and Swatow 28th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.—Kowloon Dock.
LENNOX, British steamer, 1,347, Scott, 4th August—Calcutta 19th July, Sand Heads 20th, Penang 26th, and Singapore 28th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LI YUNG, Annamite steamer, 153, Chun, 19th June—Touren 15th June, General—Chinese.
MENZALAH, French steamer, 1,273, Blanc, 4th August—Yokohama 29th July, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.
NAM-VIAN, French steamer, 435, A. Garreau, 6th August—Haiphong, Saigon, and Hoihow 5th, General—Shing Loong & Co.
SALTIRE, British steamer, 323, V. Gordon, 28th July—Haiphong 24th July, General—Shing Loong.
SEA GULL, American steamer, 48, Hayden, Nov. 24th—China Traders' Insurance Co.
SIN TAINAN, German str., 47, H. Vietten, 30th July—Taiwan 24th July, Ballast—Captain.
SUZ, British steamer, 1,390, Geo. Ainalis, 20th July—Honolulu 28th June, Flour and General—Russell & Co.
TAKASHIMO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,407, Nye, 1st August—Nagasaki 27th July, General—Mitau Blasi M. S. S. Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

ANTON GUNTHER, German bark, 441, F. Steinbrugg, 6th August—Touren 31st July, Coals—Melchers & Co.
A. T. STALLMECHER, German bark, 540, P. Petersen, 1st August—Coronado 17th July, Rattans—Siemens & Co.
BOTHWELL CASTLE, British bark, 502, Romney, 31st July—Chefoo, General—Siemens & Co.
CARL RITTER, German bark, 593, C. Mahl, 6th August—Cardiff 1st March, Coals—Siemens & Co.
CHANDERNAGOR, German bark, 682, Sachse, 10th June—Touren 14th June, Coals—F. Blackhead & Co.
CHANNEL QUEEN, British bark, 609, Le Lacheur, 18th May—Chefoo 22nd April, General—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
CHOCORUA, American ship, 1,163, Locke, 30th June—Higo 3rd May, Ballast—Master—Aberdeen Dock.
ELWELL, American ship, 1,461, Barston, 30th June—Cardiff 15th March, Coals—Order.
ELLEN, British bark, 499, C. Hodge, 15th July—Singapore 7th July, Timber—Geo. Ali Hong.
FRIDMAN, German bark, 676, J. P. Ulstrup, 10th June—Cardiff 27th February, Coals—Wieler & Co.
GOODWILL, American bark, 843, Wm. R. Hogan, 18th July—New York 30th Jan., Kerosine Oil—Russell & Co.
GRANDE, American ship, 1,254, Jacobs, 15th July—Newcastle, N.S.W., 26th May, Coals—Order.
G. C. TRAUANT, British ship, 1,529, Thomas, 14th June—Cardiff 5th February, Coals—Russell & Co.
INCA, German bark, 730, J. G. Gefken, 24th July—Chefoo 30th June, Beans and Vermicelli—Pustau & Co.
LIVINGSTONE, German bark, 531, H. Steffen, 2nd August—Whampoa 1st August, Ballast—Siemens & Co.
LOONO WEA, British 3-m. schooner, 374, G. Graham, 29th July—Singapore 14th July, Timber—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
LOUISA, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schierloch, 2nd Jan.—Whampoa 31st Dec., General—Captain.
LUCKY, Siamese bark, 424, E. G. Sequeira, 17th July—Siam 14th July, Timber—Chinese.
MCLARAY, American ship, 1,320, J. H. Little, 17th May—Newcastle, N.S.W., 21st March, Coals—Russell & Co.
NARDON, British bark, 329, J. F. Morrison, 4th August—Quinhon 30th July, General—Wing Kee & Co.
ORIENT, German bark, 461, W. G. Roden, 25th July—Newchwang 23rd June, Beans—Ed. Schellhass & Co.
RAMIER, French brig, 280, Savary, 28th June—Hollo 10th June, General—Carlowitz & Co.
SPARTAN, American schooner, 85, Ch. Vincent, 26th July—from Chungchow—W. H. Ray.
TEKI, British bark, 390, Buckholdt, 14th July—from Quinhon, Salt—Chinese.
TWILIGHT, American ship, 1,265, W. C. Warland, 6th June—Newcastle, N.S.W., 14th April, Coals—Adamson, Bell & Co.
UNPINE, German bark, 203, F. Kress, 1st July—Cardiff 5th February—Coals—Melchers & Co.
WILLIAM HALLS, American bark, 814, Geo. F. Elliot, 1st July—Newcastle, N.S.W., 5th May, Coals—Captain.
WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kindred, 15th July—Newchwang 8th June, Beans and Peas—Chong Woo.
WRICKER, American bark, 55, Henderson, 16th July—Guap Island 1st June, General—Blackhead & Co.
ZOUAVE, American ship, 1,202, Robert C. Loper, 2nd August—Cardiff 4th April, Coals—F. & O. S. N. Co.

Intimations.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.....1,000,000 DOLLARS.
Divided into 20,000 fully paid up Shares of \$50 each, of which \$10 shall be paid on Application and \$40 on Allotment.

GENERAL MANAGERS:

Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
HONGKONG.

COMMITTEE:

JOHN S. LAPRAIK, Esq., (Chairman)
(Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.)
HON. PHINEAS RYRIE,
(Messrs. TURNER & Co.)

FREDERICK D. SASSOON, Esq.,
(Messrs. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.)
B. LAYTON, Esq.,
(Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.)
W. S. YOUNG, Esq.,
(Messrs. GILMAN & Co.)

BANKERS:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SOLICITORS AND PUBLIC NOTARIES:
Messrs. BRETON, WOTTON & DEACON,
35, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS:

THE Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring and taking over from the present Proprietors the Line of Steamers, the Wharf at Hongkong and other property, necessary for the said business which has been hitherto successfully managed by Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. and which was established by the late Mr. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK in the year 1860.

The present Proprietors who are principally Merchants resident in England and China, and who are desirous of retaining a considerable interest in the Company when formed, deem it advisable, with the object of further increasing the present remunerative business, to form a Limited Liability Company under the provisions of the Companies Ordinance in Hongkong provided in that behalf, and thus meet the requirements of a rapidly developing traffic in the China seas and elsewhere. From past working there is every reason to believe that Shareholders will receive a fair return on the investment of their capital.

THE FLEET OF THE COMPANY ARE—
The S.S. "ALBAY".....541 Tons.
"HAILONG".....446 "

"NAMO".....375 "
"FOKEN".....815 "
"THALES".....1,109 "
"DOUGLAS".....1,566 "
"KWANGTUNG".....1,056 "

The Vessels are all first class, built expressly for the trade, fitted with the best machinery, and are well found in every respect. The business is a going one, and as the trade is capable of great development, the Proprietors hope by placing shares with those who can assist the line to the Company, to be able to work the line to the satisfaction of those interested.

The Seven Steamers will be taken over at a valuation of \$85,500. This amount has been agreed upon with the Vendors, and will include the Goodwill of the DOUGLAS LINE.

The present Proprietors are prepared to take at least 10,000 fully paid up shares and the remainder will be offered to the public.

The following is the only agreement that has been entered into on behalf of the Company.

AN AGREEMENT dated the 24th day of July, 1883, and made between JOHN STEWARD LAPRAIK, EDWARD PETTIT, GEORGE HARPER, JOHN EWARD, ROBERT ELIS, JAMES EDWARD, FORD, LUNCAISON, GEORGE GIBB, JOSEPH WINGYETT, HUNT, WILLIAM MANGER, ELDRED HALTON and Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. of the one part and FREDERICK GARDEN (a Trustee for the intended Company) of the other part.

Copies of the above Agreement, and of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, can be inspected by intending subscribers at the Office of Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., at Hongkong, and at the Office of Messrs. BRETON, WOTTON & DEACON, 35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned, and if a smaller number of Shares be allotted than applied for, the surplus of the deposit will be applied to the payment of the amount due on allotment. If any instalment is not duly paid, the allotment will be liable to cancellation, and the payments previously made to forfeiture.

This Prospectus is printed in English and Chinese and in case any variance exists between the two prints or any difference shall arise as to the construction thereof or otherwise with reference thereto the English print thereof shall prevail.

Application for shares must be made in the Form accompanying this Prospectus, and forms may be had at the Head Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at Hongkong, and also at any of its Branches in China and elsewhere.

Closing dates 20th August 1883 for places other than Hongkong, and 31st August 1883 for Hongkong.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

To THE GENERAL MANAGERS OF THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

GENTLEMEN,

Having paid to your credit at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION the sum of \$.....being a deposit of \$10 per Share upon.....Shares of the above Company, I request you to allot to.....

that number of shares in the above Company upon the terms of the Company's Prospectus dated the.....1883, and to pay the balance due thereon according to the terms of the Prospectus and.....

hereby agree to subscribe to the Articles of Association when required so to do.

Name in full.....

Address.....

Designation.....

Signature.....

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE DIRECTORS are now prepared to receive TENDERS from suitable persons for a term of FIVE YEARS, for the lease of the HONGKONG HOTEL, with FURNITURE complete.

The Building (together with a powerful passenger lift) will comprise after the proposed alterations and additions have been completed, viz—

THE BASEMENT.

Two Grand Entrances from Pedder's Street and Queen's Road. Bar, Billiard, Reading and Smoking Rooms with separate Entrance from Pedder's Street.

A handsomely fitted up Ladies' Room, for the use of visitors and others.
Managers' and General Offices, Kitchens, Store Rooms, &c. &c. &c.

FIRST FLOOR.

A Public Dining Room capable of dining upwards of 170 persons at the same time.

ONE LARGE BREAKFAST ROOM.
FIVE elegant and beautifully fitted up suite of ROOMS, consisting of a Private DINING ROOM, DRAWING ROOM, CARD ROOM, READING ROOM, and BILLIARD ROOM.

TEN Bed Rooms with a Bathroom to each.

SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS.
Have each 25 rooms, well ventilated and lighted Bed Rooms, opening on to large Verandahs with a commodious Bath Room for each room.

All the Passages and Corridors throughout the premises are wide and well lighted, most of the furniture will be new and made expressly for the climate.

The special attention of Hotel Keepers and others is drawn to the unusual advantages offered.

Tenders to state sum per annum, and to include taxes. No Tender under \$3,500 per annum will be entertained by the Directors.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1883.

MR. MOORE begs to recommend his GOGO SHAMPOO WASH to the public as unrivalled by any preparation ever produced for promoting the growth of the hair. The basis of this compound is made of soap root, the natives of the Philippine Islands never use anything else for washing their hair; they are never found bald, and it is quite common to see the females with hair from 5 to 6 feet long. By constantly using this Shampoo Wash as directed, you will NEVER BE BALD.

The proprietor offers the Wash to the public entirely confident that by its restorative properties it will without fail arrest decaying hair. It completely eradicates scurf, dandruff, and cures all diseases of the scalp. It does not contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling properties it allays the itching and fever of the scalp, which is the great cause of people losing their hair.

Mr. MOORE has succeeded in being able to put this wash up in bottles without allowing it to ferment, and he will guarantee it to keep any length of time in any climate.

FOR SALE ONLY BY MOORE & Co., VARIETY STORE, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 25th January, 1883.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

MR. MARMANDE begs to inform the Community of Hongkong, and visitors, that the above Establishment is now in full working order.

He has engaged TWO FIRST-CLASS TONSORIAL ARTISTS from Paris, and his staff now consists of five competent workmen. He is prepared to execute Hair-dressing in all its branches, making wigs for theatrical purposes, or for ordinary wear, &c., &c.

HAIR CUTTING.....50 Cents.
SHAMPOOING.....25 "
SHAVING.....25 "
TRIMMING BEARDS.....25 "

LADIES' HAIRDRESSING SALOON.

MR. MARMANDE and his assistants are always at liberty to attend Ladies at his Saloon, specially set apart for Ladies, or at their own Residences at MODERATE CHARGES.

MR. MARMANDE begs to offer to the public his Shampoo Wash made by Mons. Finand who has had many years experience and guarantees it to keep any length of time in any climate.

Monthly Customers for Hair-cutting, Shaving, and Shampooing, takes at the

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES,
PERFUMERS,
IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS
OF
MANILA CIGARS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED WATERS.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1883.

It would not be creditable to that spirit of public independence, that staunch adherence to principles of fair play and honest and honourable dealing even in the shady paths of political life, so characteristic of English communities both at home and abroad, if the recent appointments in our local government service were allowed to pass unchallenged. The colony of Hongkong, so far as the internal character of its administration is concerned, is rapidly undergoing a complete and thorough metamorphosis—a change, or rather a series of changes, so astounding as to upset all preconceived notions and ideas of what we have been taught to regard as the duties and obligations of the Head of the Executive, and his principal officers towards the Crown in the first place, and then for the protection of the best interests and conservation of the admitted rights and privileges of the colony and the community. Since the departure from these shores of Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY the administration of the internal affairs of our local government has been one long-continued *regime* of bare-faced jobbery, in which the true interests of the Crown and of the Colony have been again and again ruthlessly sacrificed for motives of a personal character which will not bear the light of an impartial investigation. A certain clique of thoroughly reckless political gamblers has ruled the affairs of Hongkong in a fashion probably without parallel in the history of any other colony owing allegiance to Great Britain, and although it was hoped that the arrival of a new Governor, in the person of Sir GEORGE BOWEN, would place a check upon political trickery which had become a by-word in the colony, recent events would seem to show that the hopes of the community were entirely misplaced.

When the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1884 and the Colonial Secretary's report thereon were placed before the members of the Legislative Council the other day, our attention was directed to certain new appointments which, to use the phraseology of the report, had been considered indispensable by the Governor and Executive Council. Amongst these so-called indispensable appointments were engineers and stokers for the new steam launches for the Harbour Department, somebody, (who or what is not stated), for the Fire Brigade, and a hospital nurse, all of which, we are willing to believe, are requisite for the exigencies of the various services. But there is very strong feeling abroad that an assistant colonial secretary at a salary of \$250 per month, and an adjutant, for the police at \$1200 per annum are certainly not required, and that the whole business is a put-up job, and a scandalous waste of public funds.

Governor BOWEN has been here such a short time that we honestly believe he has taken no leading or even an active part in this hollow mockery; but His Excellency is equally responsible and equally to blame if he neglects his duties, or allows himself to be made the scapegoat of his Executive Council. Sir GEORGE BOWEN must remember that the government of Hongkong is a very different thing from the government of Victoria. In Melbourne His Excellency was ruler only in name; the affairs of that important dependency of the Crown are managed by an independent and responsible ministry who govern on the parliamentary system, exactly the same as at home. But in Hongkong the Governor is supposed to personally administer the business of the colony, and he alone is held responsible to the Secretary of State. If it be true, as is currently reported, that Governor BOWEN leaves the machine of government to the sole management of the enterprising triumvirate represented by the Colonial Secretary, the Registrar General and the Honourable the Surveyor General, His Excellency can scarcely feel surprised if the community are greatly disappointed, and do not hesitate to express their views in terms the reverse of complimentary. Nor can he protest at being held responsible by the community for the actions of the triumvirate.

As we think it likely that not one of the Governor's sycophants has had the courage to either offer sound advice or to give His Excellency any particulars relating to the rule of his predecessors in office, we shall take it upon ourselves to afford him some useful information on the subject of this new appointment of assistant colonial secretary. It would appear from the past experiences of Hongkong that different Governors hold different ideas as to what constitute the duties of the Head of the Executive. For instance Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL and Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY were something more than Governors in name, as they personally conducted the administration; whilst on the other hand Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY pursued the even tenor of his way, a comparative cipher in the actual working of the Government—and it would appear that Sir GEORGE BOWEN's ideas correspond with the easy going indifference of "Good Sir ARTHUR." It is on record that Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL stated more than once that if the Secretary of State would allow him an additional clerk he could dispense altogether with a colonial secretary. In his opinion the Governor of Hongkong who conscientiously performed his duty had no use for a colonial secretary at all. Although Mr. J. GARDINER AUSTIN had the whole of the administrative work of the colony on his shoulders during Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY's term of office, the necessity of having an assistant colonial secretary was never even alluded to. And when Governor HENNESSY was here, although several officers acted as colonial secretary during Mr. MARSH's absence, to wit, the late Mr. M. S. TOMMOCHY, Mr. JOHN M. PRICE, Dr. F. STEWART, and, if we mistake not, Capt. W. M. DEANE, the question of having an assistant was really never seriously entertained. On one occasion, we believe, it was proposed to abolish the office of chief clerk then held by Mr. H. E. WOODHOUSE, and to appoint an assistant colonial secretary to perform the duties, and an application to that effect was sent home, recommending Mr. WOODHOUSE for the appointment, with the result that the Secretary of State peremptorily declined to sanction any such change. It certainly seems passing strange that several gentlemen, who actually had no previous experience of the duties, filled the post of Colonial Secretary most satisfactorily without an assistant beyond the ordinary office staff, and that Mr. W. H. MARSH, who in addition to his regular duties has been Auditor General of the colony for years, should not have discovered that an assistant colonial secretary was an indispensable requirement until within the past few weeks—or months. However, the appointment has been made, and we deliberately repeat that a more shameful job and disgraceful waste of public money was never perpetrated in the colony.

In last Saturday's *Gazette* appear the following notifications, signed by Mr. W. H. MARSH, Colonial Secretary:—
The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint James Haldane Stewart Lockhart, Esquire, to be Assistant Colonial Secretary and Auditor General of Hongkong.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint provisionally, Anthony Seth, Esquire, to be Superintendent of the Opium Revenue.
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint James Haldane Stewart Lockhart, Esquire, to be Acting Clerk of Councils, vice Mr. Seth doing duty as Superintendent of the Opium Revenue.
To those acquainted with what transpired during the administration (?) of the Government of this colony from the departure of Governor HENNESSY to the arrival of

Governor BOWEN, these three notices will thoroughly explain the motives of the "job" which led to the creation of the post of assistant colonial secretary, and to the appointment to that position of Mr. LOCKHART. Governor HENNESSY made himself most unpopular with several autocratic heads of departments, and also with a few overgrown lads who had been pitchforked into positions for which they were eminently unfitted and who labored under some strange notion that they possessed, an exclusive right to all the important offices of the Government service, by appointing to positions of responsibility and trust certain officers: who had rendered themselves conspicuous by their abilities and long years of distinguished service under Government. Amongst these was Mr. ARTHUR SMITH, formerly chief clerk at the Magistracy, who was transferred to the Colonial Secretary's Office as chief clerk and clerk of councils. Mr. SMITH's appointment was fortunately confirmed by the Secretary of State prior to Governor HENNESSY's departure from Hongkong; we say fortunately because, judging from Mr. MARSH's contemptible treatment of Mr. TOMMOCHY and others who were supposed to be supporters of the HENNESSY *regime*, it is almost certain an excuse would quickly have been found to have removed a presumed admirer of the Governor from such a position of trust. There was only one way to practically get rid of Mr. SMITH; and that one way has at last been adopted by the manufacture of an assistant colonial secretary, who will also act as auditor general and clerk of councils. It is quite true that the pill administered to Mr. SMITH, as a *quid pro quo* for the loss of the important position of clerk of councils, has been gilded by the temporary appointment of superintendent of the Opium revenue department, this probably being considered the only bait likely to induce Mr. SMITH to sacrifice a position which carried so much responsibility. The whole of these proceedings can only be characterised as a miserable job, incredible alike to all concerned; and in the name of the community, at whose expense these wise legislators have been fighting for their own hands, we emphatically protest against the public funds being thus wasted and public interests so selfishly sacrificed to the detriment of the colony.

We have hitherto said nothing concerning the lucky young cadet, who after three years service is pitchforked into the positions of assistant colonial secretary (\$250 per month) auditor general (\$200 per month) and acting clerk of Councils (half salary \$40 per month). Mr. J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART had the reputation of being a promising youth at Edinburgh University, where he was Greek Medallist, and after passing a competitive examination and obtaining an appointment to a Hongkong cadetship, he displayed so much intelligence and application during his one year's service in the Colonial Office, London, that a successful public career for the young Scotchman was confidently anticipated. Since he came to the East, Mr. LOCKHART has worthily upheld the reputation he won both at his *Alma Mater* and in his short term of service at the Colonial Office. In a couple of years he acquired a more thorough knowledge of Chinese than most students are able to do in a life time, and in the various departments in which he has been employed, he has given every promise of proving a most useful colonial servant. But even in the face of all this it may fairly be questioned if Mr. LOCKHART's experience has been sufficiently extended to fit him for such a position as that of assistant colonial secretary, and unless the post of auditor general is a sinecure—that is to say, a fraud on the public—we know that this young cadet cannot possibly have acquired the necessary knowledge of a professional accountant's business to fit him for the post. We have, however, great faith in Mr. LOCKHART because we believe he possesses energy, perseverance, and natural abilities of a very high order, and moreover is honest and sincere—which is more than can be said for many of those in higher places.

It has been necessary to use very plain language in dealing with this subject, as we had no wish to hide our meaning in a mist of words. Jobbery of the most barefaced kind is evidently becoming the order of the day, and we should be shirking our obligations to the public if we failed to denounce what we cannot but consider an iniquitous policy which can only bring discredit on Hongkong. We have other similar cases to those referred to in the above remarks under consideration, and shall deal with them one by one in due course, taking care that the leading London newspapers and Her Majesty's Secretary of State shall not be left entirely in the dark as to what is transpiring here, and what public opinion has to say in regard to the varied details of what is almost a political revolution.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, August 4th.

THE PLAGUE IN EGYPT.

The cholera cases in Cairo are reported milder and the health of the troops is improving.

LEGITIMIST PLOT IN FRANCE.

A Legitimist plot has been discovered in Paris and several party leaders are reported to be implicated.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A RATHER severe shock of earthquake was experienced at Manila on the afternoon of the 27th ulto, at eight minutes to three o'clock.

We are informed by the agents, Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co., that the steamer *Merionethshire*, from London, left Singapore for this port to-day.

FOR the unlawful possession of 1 cwt. of coals, three members of the coolie tribe were sent by Captain Thomsett this morning to the Arbuthnot Road mansion for a term of six weeks' hard labor.

WONG AVAM, a coolie, who was charged before Captain Thomsett yesterday with robbing a member of the police of \$2, in conjunction with others who are not in custody, was discharged this morning, there being no evidence justifying a conviction.

THE following is the "Order of the Day" for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock.
1.—Second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1882. 2.—Second reading of the Appropriation Bill for 1883.

A HAWKER lad, Lo Akum by name, was ordered to receive 12 strokes on the breech with a rattan and to be kept in solitary confinement for a fortnight by Captain Thomsett this morning, for the larceny of a brass pan valued at 35 cents, which the thievish youth snatched from an old man, and afterward took to his heels with the spoil.

WHILE one of the judges of the Supreme Court of the state of California was recently staying in Paris, he went to visit a French professor. The Frenchman asked him a number of questions, and, among the rest, "Where do you live?" "In California," "Well," asked the rude Gaul, "what is your occupation?" "I am judge of the Supreme Court." "Oh, ah," returned the Frenchman—"then I need not ask your name—it is Lynch, eh?"

We would remind our readers that the celebrated Loftus Troupe will perform Gilbert and Sullivan's popular comic opera "Patience" at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening, commencing at 9 o'clock. This clever satire on the absurd aestheticism of the day has won golden opinions wherever it has been performed, and as it is new to Hongkong and will be produced under most favourable auspices and with an exceptionally strong cast, we cannot doubt that it will attract a crowded house. Tickets may be procured and seats booked at Messrs. Kelly and Walsh's, Queen's Road.

LIU ACHUNG, who stole a silver watch and chain on the 22nd July and pawned the property to sell the ticket, was collared by Inspector Quincey and brought before the magistrate this morning. Liu, in whose possession a number of other pawn bills were found besides the one that convicted him, emphatically denied stealing the time piece and appendant. He will, however, have nothing else to do but to keep the run of the time for a month at the "Retreat," as prescribed by Captain Thomsett to keep the wily one from the paths of sin for the above mentioned period.

WITHIN THE SQUARE.

Scots who doze on "Ardur" brouse,
And England's sons beneath her roses
And Paris' sons beneath her roses,
In brotherhood meet here;
With Gambia's sons from vale or peak,
And better men you may not see;
The pulpit Frank, the classic Greek,
Each on the other peer.
The fair-haired sons of Viking's lands,
The really heads of Africa's leaders,
Columbus's sons whose good right hands
A continent made free;
In every land beneath the sun,
Whose children fair, dark, brown, or dun,
The Master's work is nobly done,
For brothers all are we.
In peace and harmony we meet,
And sitting round the Master's feet;
Each may his honored brother greet,
And none shall there be slighted;
No rank beyond the magic square,
Confers a right to enter there;
The playmate with the Arabian bard,
The door to brothers here.

DAVID MOYAT.

IN connection with the six hundred thousand (?) dollars which are to be expended on "Price's Folly" (i.e. the Taitam Water Works) it may be noted that in spite of all the prophetic utterances and interested twaddle set at various times broadcast throughout the colony by unscrupulous partisans of opposing political factions, there actually never has within living memory been a scarcity of water in Hongkong. Water fountains have been predicted frequently without result, and last year we had no rain for about six months, and yet the water supply was not exhausted, or anything approaching it, although those interested in the new work tried their hardest to hoodwink the public as to the real facts of the case. A practical engineer informs us that the Pokfulam Reservoir could have been extended to any size required by the necessities of the colony for the next three hundred years at about one tenth the cost of the works now in progress at Taitam Tui. And sufficient rain has fallen during the past fortnight, had it been properly stored, to supply Hongkong for the next five years. What a stupendous waste of public money! And to think that we are not in "the swim." We shall ride round to Taitam one of these days for the purpose of reporting progress from a personal inspection—and in view of the disturbed state of the outlying districts we shall take the advice of a well meaning friend, and go well armed. We shall then be a "War Special" on a peaceful mission.

IVAN TOUGOENIEFF, the Great Russian novelist, is one of those unfortunate geniuses whose sun sets in eclipse. He is hopelessly insane and has to be kept under constant surveillance.

We are informed by the Agent of the Messageries Maritimes that the Company's steamer *Avon*, with the next outward French mail, left Saigon this morning at 3 o'clock, and may be expected to arrive here on the 10th instant.

VERY SORRY, Doctor, that we have been compelled to delay putting that interesting report of yours through the mill. Like good port it will be all the better for keeping. You shall have a good innings in a day or two, never fear.

A VERY young lady addressed her father at the breakfast table one morning: "Pappy, I want a new hat and a pair of new shoes." "I supposed so. What don't you want?" remarked the paternal. "Well," answered the quick-witted little miss, "I don't want any cigars."

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor will inspect the Government Fire Brigade on Monday next, the 13th instant, at 3.30 p.m. The Brigade will be drawn up in the open space on the Praya in front of the City Hall. The Volunteer Fire Brigades are invited to attend with engines and gear complete.

KWOK KULOONG and Tung Aping, dentist and cook respectively, went into the abode of bias this morning for a fortnight's spell at hard labor for street gambling in Caine Road, and for obstructing Mr. Alla Box P.C. No. 551 in the execution of his responsible duties in repressing street congregations.

New York City is apparently the paradise of cheap journalism. The *Sun* circulates daily over a hundred thousand copies, and the once-*Truth* claims to have sold 129,000 copies one day last week. Another cheap paper, the *Journal*, was started only a few months ago, and has already obtained a circulation of over 50,000.

THERE are now over 7,000 barristers in England. The members of the bar with business addresses is 2,889. Of these 1,807 practise at the Common Law bar, and 1,024 confine themselves in town to Equity and Chancery work. Only 58 practise specially at the Parliamentary bar, while 1,475 belong to the different circuits, the "Homes" or South-Eastern having the largest roll, with 453.

SOMETIMES the man who wants to be a wit has his weapon turned against himself. At a great dinner an eccentric clergyman saw a huge dish of cress, and drawing it in front of him, began the work of destruction. The ill-mannered company laughed, and one of them said with the sneer: "Dr. McC, you remind me of Nebuchadnezzar." The old gentleman looked slyly out of the corner of his eye, and replied: "Aye, man, so I remind you of Nebuchadnezzar, do I? Well I think it must be because I am eating among the brutes."

CONCURRENTLY with the expensive foreign war into which the French republic is now drifting, it is confronted with a veritable and complicated financial problem. There is a deficit this year of 150,000,000 francs, and a couple of months ago it was announced that it would be necessary to raise a new loan this autumn of 1,000,000,000 francs. This amount will be largely increased, judging from present appearances, by necessary expenses of various military expeditions. If it be true, as Leon Say has asserted, that France has nearly exhausted her ability to borrow, what will happen now?

CHUNG AVAM, bricklayer by profession and a thief by inclination, was relegated to the "Retreat" for a term of six calendar months, with hard labor thrown in, for the larceny of an umbrella on the 31st ulto. Emis Russ, a turnkey at Mr. Hayward's Hotel, stated that on the day in question he missed his "gingham" and a few days later was taken to a pawn shop by a constable where he saw his property pledged for 40 cents. On further enquiry the defendant was hunted out and on his person the pawn ticket was found. Ip Achong P.C. 271 testified to facilitating and assisting the complainant in the search. The defendant denied having been the thief but meekly admitted three previous convictions.

We were under the impression until lately that our good friend Kalakaua I, King of the Sandwich Islands, &c., &c., &c., could in the matter of titles give all the monarchs in the world a long start, and an easy beating. This was altogether a mistake. When the king of Siam and the Emperor of Pegu appear on the scene the jovial Hawaiian prince takes a back seat. Here is the style in which His Majesty of Siam is addressed:—"Illustrious monarch, invincible and powerful, most superior and crowned with one hundred crowns mounted on nine precious stones; the immortal, the purest and divine Lord of the unconquerable army. The holiest who sees everything, the supreme Emperor who has under the shadow of his wings the richest Kingdom of immortal Siam. The splendor of the beautiful and inhabited Juthan, whose gates leads to numerous celebrated nations, the greatest of all Kings and commander of the most beautiful and fertile country under the sun. The divine Lord who holds the victorious lord like the God of Heaven, and who dominates with his arm all the fire and produces the rising and lowering of the waters in his will. The monarch greater than the Gods, and like the sun at his altitude, and at the base of the moon in the most serene splendor of the north star." The divine Sir of the golden throne whose purity of origin is as Alexander's, and who can penetrate everything and measure the immensity of the waters. The King of all elephants, white, red, and black, and who can make all that God has made. The Emperor of Pegu, his neighbor, is addressed in the same style but in his title he adds:—"Conqueror God, brother to the Sun and sprayer of all the seas, &c., &c." After his meals he sends a man with a trumpet to the highest of his palaces to blow so as to notify the other Kings of the universe (his vassals) that the Emperor of Pegu is satisfied with his meal, and the others can sit down to eat.

It was in the Carolina backwoods. A country people and parson. When he had finished the ceremony he said: "An' them 'uns who God have joined." "Stop there, parson," said the groom; "don't say them 'uns—say these 'uns." "John," said the parson, "I teach you at school, and I say them 'uns." "These 'uns!" shouted the groom, drawing his pistol. The parson, seeing the movement, fired through his surplice, and the groom dropped dead, winking the parson as he went down. There was a lively fusillade of, perhaps, thirty shots. When the smoke cleared half a dozen men were on the floor. The bride, peeping over the pulpit, to which she had fled for refuge, gazed mournfully on the scene and said: "Them a self-cockin' pistols is a playin'—with my prospects!"—*Durango Herald.*

A JUROR in the Washington City Circuit Court wrote the following petition and left it on the Judge's desk:—"We, the undersigned, respectfully represent that it would be a vast improvement on the present arrangement of business before the honorable Court if the Court would meet at 7.30 p.m. and remain in session until 8.30 p.m., and that each can be limited in time to five minutes on each side, no lawyer to talk more than one minute, and only one on each side to speak; that the plaintiff and defendant shall be the only witnesses in each case; and to make the decision equitable in all cases the side that can wear hardest shall always gain the suit. To secure a speedy decision by the jury, they shall receive the following fees (to be paid by the successful party in the suit):—For a verdict in one minute, the sum of \$10; for a verdict in two minutes, \$5; for a verdict in three minutes, \$3; for a verdict in five minutes (in time to take their seats in the next case) \$1; and if the jury fail to find a verdict in six minutes, then every juror shall be fined \$2, the sum thus obtained to be divided between the other panel." Although "humorously" intended, these suggestions, says the *Atlas*, would probably be endorsed by the Star-route jurors whose months of weary service are now fortunately drawing to a close.

The great Robert Houdin went by royal command to St. Cloud, as he relates in his "Confidences" to give a show before Louis Philippe and his family. In the course of this show he borrowed six handkerchiefs from the audience. Then various members of the audience wrote down on slips of paper the names of places whither they would like the handkerchiefs to be transported. This done, the conjuror asked the King to choose three of these slips at random, and from the three to select the place he preferred. "Come," said Louis Philippe, "let us see what is on this slip." I should like them to be found under one of the candlesticks on the mantelpiece. "That is too easy for a wizard; let us try again." I should like them to be found on the dome of the Invalides. "That is too far, not for the handkerchiefs, but for us. Ah I you will, I fear, find it difficult to comply with the request on the last slip." The request was that the handkerchiefs should be found in the box of the last orange tree on the right hand of the avenue at St. Cloud. The conjuror expressed his readiness to comply with the request, and the King immediately sent off a party of men to keep guard over the orange tree. The conjuror put the handkerchiefs under a bell of thick glass, waved his wand, took up the bell, and showed a white dove in place of the handkerchiefs. Then the King, with a sceptical smile, sent orders to the head gardener to open the box of the orange tree chosen, and to bring whatever he might find there. "Si toutefois il trouve quelque chose." This was done, and presently there was brought in an iron coffer covered with rust. "Well," cried the King, "here we have a coffer. Are the handkerchiefs in it?" "Yes," replied Robert Houdin, "they are. Only a quarter of an hour since they were given to you." "What, sire, would be the use of magic if it could not perform impossible feats? Your Majesty will be surprised when I prove to you that the coffer and its contents have been in the box of the orange tree for sixty years." The King now observed that a key was needed to open the box, and Robert Houdin asked him to take the key which was hung by a ribbon round the white dove's neck. This was a key as rusty as the coffer which it opened, and the first thing found in the coffer was a parchment bearing these words: "To be opened June 6, 1785. This iron coffer, holding six handkerchiefs, has been placed amid the roots of an orange tree, by me, Balistat, Count of Castillon, to aid the accomplishment of a magical feat which will be done this day sixty years before Louis Philippe of Orleans and his family. Below the parchment lay a parchment with Castillon's seal, which was well known to the King, and in the parchment was the borrowed handkerchiefs. "Ce tour," says Robert Houdin, "and we can well believe it, me valut de vifs applaudissements." When Mr. Bishop can do anything like this, why the *Saturday Review*, from which the above is taken, it may be time to admit that he possesses "a strange talent."

DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.
The passage of last week's *Chicago Times* by the House of Lords of the famous bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister marks the end of the most remarkable parliamentary struggle on record. The bill was moved by James Stansfeld, M.P., on second reading, but that process was delayed by the adoption of the principle involved in the measure, and the further progress of the bill was only the purpose of a Parliamentary maneuver. Although the majority is only a very slight one, the bill comes up on third reading. The bill was thrown out on the third reading by a narrow majority.—*Ed. Times* (2nd ed.).

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Agents.
Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [153]

INTIMATION.

IGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATORIO DE BRAZILIA, and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY, has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano-forte. CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.

Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [106]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
VALUABLE PROPERTY IN BONHAM STRAND.

TO BE SOLD by Public Auction, by Mr. J. M. GUEDES, on
THURSDAY,
the 16th day of August, 1883, at 3 P.M., on the Premises.

By Order of the MORTGAGEES.

1st Lot.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as Section A of Remaining Portion of MARINE LOT No. 83, measuring on the North and South 29 feet, on the East 48 feet, and on the West side 43 feet, and Portion No. 1 of Sub-section A of Section E of Marine Lot 83, measuring North and South 29 feet, and East and West 52 feet. Held for 999 years from 18th November, 1844. Together with the well Built and Substantial HOUSES known as Nos. 50 and 52, Bonham Strand West.

2nd Lot.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as Section C of MARINE LOT 175, measuring on the North on Bonham Strand 143 feet, on the South 15 feet, on the East 1114 feet, and on the West 1104 feet. Held for 999 years from 27th October, 1866. Together with the HOUSE No. 44, Bonham Strand.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees,
or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1883. [615]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE PROPERTY IN VICTORIA.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ON
FRIDAY,
the 17th day of August, 1883, at THREE P.M., on the Premises.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

THREE VALUABLE HOUSES Nos. 27, 29, and 31, Aberdeen Street, erected and being upon GROUND Registered in the Land Office as Section C of INLAND LOT No. 60, measuring on the North and South 40 feet, East and West 45 feet and 40 feet, containing in the whole 1,695 square feet more or less. Yearly Crown Rent \$14.76.

And,
SIXTEEN VALUABLE HOUSES Nos. 1 to 16, in Mee Lee Lane, Victoria, erected on GROUND Registered in the Land Office as Section A of Inland Lot No. 60, measuring on the North-East 44 feet and 54 feet, South-West 42 feet, South-East 120 feet 10 inches, North-West 93 feet 3 inches, containing in the whole 7,626 square feet more or less. Yearly Crown Rent \$66.30. Held for 999 years from the 26th day of January, 1843.

The above Houses will be Sold in Lots to suit purchasers.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees,
or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1883. [616]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. SUN HIN CHAN, to Sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 27th August, 1883, at Noon, at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

THE WRECK OF THE LATE
STEAMSHIP "CARISBROOKE"
as she now lies off the Cosmopolitan Dock.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer and the Vessel to be at the Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1883. [613]

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day started as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

FRED. ESSEX.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [609]

NOTICE.

WE have CLOSED Our Formosa Branch and the Business in Swatow will be carried on under the style of SCHAAER & Co., which Firm Mr. CHARLES LANGE DE LA CAMP has been Authorized to Sign per Procuration.

DIRCKS & Co.,
In Liquidation.
Swatow, 1st July, 1883. [575]

NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will conduct our Business at this Port, and all Communications should be addressed to them. Messrs. RUSSELL & Co. will also act as Agents at this Port for our line of Steamers.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [606]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, have this day taken Mr. RAPHAEL AARON GUBBY into Co-PARTNERSHIP with me in my Business. The Business will henceforth be carried on under the style of Firm of "COHEN & GUBBY."

A. S. COHEN.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [608]

A CARD.

PRIVATE BOARD AND LODGING can be obtained for SINGLE GENTLEMEN OR MARRIED COUPLES at
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
Next Door to the Temperance Hall.
Terms Moderate.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1883. [552]

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

VERY ELEGANT PLUSH PHOTOGRAPH SCREENS TO HOLD 4, 8, AND 12
CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS.
PHOTO ALBUMS in Great Variety.
CARD CASES, PURSES, LETTER CASES.
POCKET BOOKS in Russia and other Leathers.
POCKET AND SPORTSMAN'S KNIVES.

BEATTY'S BEETHOVEN ORGANS.
20 STOPS, VERY EFFECTIVE VARIETY AND VERY CHEAP.
A very fine collection of PHOTOGRAPHS OF FASHIONABLE BEAUTIES from the very large Boulevarde Size to the Ordinary Cabinet Size.

ALSO
LARGE PLUSH PHOTO FRAMES TO SUIT.
DITSON'S MUSIC BOOKS.

GEMS OF DANCE. WALDTUEFFEL. GEMS OF STRAUSS. ENGLISH SONG.
AND ALL OTHERS IN THE SERIES.

NEW FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY. NEW SEASIDE LIBRARY.

10 PER CENT. DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

W. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 25th July, 1883. [703]

SAYLE & CO.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

WE have just received from our SHANGHAI CABINET FACTORY a SAMPLE SUITE of BEDROOM-FURNITURE which is now on view.
Any Article of FURNITURE made to order in MAHOGANY, BIRCH, ASH or WALNUT at less than Home Prices.
DESIGN BOOKS and Estimates on application.
We are also showing the VIENNA BENTWOOD FURNITURE, very strong and durable.
WALNUT and EBONIZED BRACKETS in great variety.
VENETIAN and OVAL MIRRORS.
IRON SWING BASSINETTES and COTS for Children in every size.
The Excelsior Patent Chain SPRING MATTRESS in every size (the Best Spring Mattress extant).
New Designs in LACE CURTAINS 3, 4, 4 1/2, 5 yards long.
Single and Double PERAMBULATORS Specially adapted for this Colony.

SAYLE & CO.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [249]

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

JUST RECEIVED.

A SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF MALTESE LACE AND SILVER FILIGREE WORK, COMPRISING—

White and Black Silk Trimming Lace.	Silver Filigree Pendant, St. John's Cross & Crown.
" Cotton Trimming Lace.	" Earrings to match the above.
" Silk Handkerchief Borders.	" Fanny Necklet.
" Silk Circular and Square D'oyleys.	" Plain Chain Necklet.
" and Black Silk Filigree.	" Fanny Locket.
" Silk Parasol Cover.	" Brooch (Love Knot).
" Cotton Parasol Cover.	" (Marguerite).
" Silk Veil and Scarf.	" (Slipper).
" Silk Collar and Cuffs.	" (Shell).
" Silk Collar Breast Pendant.	" (Circular).
" Silk Collar Breast Pointed.	" (Fan).
" Cotton Collar Breast Pointed.	" (Lily).
" and Black Silk Necktie.	" Earrings to match the above.
" Silk Mittens.	

AN INSPECTION IS RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED.
ANY OF THE ABOVE ORDERED THROUGH THIS "STORE" WILL BE CHARGED FOR AT COST PRICE.

FRESH MALTESE CIGARETTES from \$0.70 to \$2.50 per 100.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1883. [28]

To be Let.

TO LET.
ON PEDDAR'S HILL,
WITH BUREAU ENTRANCE,
TWO SPACIOUS APARTMENTS.
COOL AND AIRY.
For Particulars, apply to
Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 6th July, 1883. [533]

To be Let.

TO LET.
"STOCKWELL COTTAGE" near to the
Kowloon Club, British Kowloon, containing
4 Rooms and Large Centre Room, Servants'
Rooms and Out-houses, Gardens and Tennis
Lawn, &c. Within Three Minutes Walk of the
Pier.
For Particulars, apply to
STEPHENS & HOLMES,
Solicitors.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [626]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
BEST Quality of GOLDEN GATE and
WESTERN MILLS FLOUR, lately from
San Francisco.
PONGEE SILK of all kinds.
Apply to
FUNG TANG,
OF HEE CHONG CHING HONG,
42, Bonham Strand.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [624]

FOR SALE.

WOODBERRY COTTON CANVAS
No. 1 to 10.
WOODBERRY RAVENS DUCK, 8, 10, 12 oz.
U.S. HAMMOCK DUCK, 42 Inches Wide.
AMERICAN COTTON DRILL
COTTON TWINE—5, 6, 7, 8 Fold.
HENRY'S CANVAS, No. 2.
WILLIAM DOLAN,
21, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 21st June, 1883. [493]

FOR SALE.

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND
PORTER.
DAVID CORSAIR & SONS,
MERCHANT NAVY
NAVY BOUTS
LONG FLAX
CROWN
CANVAS.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883. [463]

FOR SALE.

H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE!
Quart. 12 bottles for 10s. 6d. per Case.
Apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1883. [6]

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "JAPAN,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remaining on board after the 12th inst., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that any claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 14th instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [623]

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

STEAMSHIP "GOLCONDE,"
MARTINO, COMMANDER.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel from Marseilles and intermediate Ports, and in connection with the "TAYGETE" from London, and other connecting Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into Godown B of the Undersigned, Marine Lot No. 12, whence and/or from the wharves or boats delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 15th instant, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [580]

Intimations.

THE HALL AND HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.

THE requisite Number of SHARES in the above Company having been applied for, the Company will commence operations on the First Day of September next.

Shanghai, 27th July, 1883. [612]

NOTICE.

HE CHUNG, SHIP'S PLUMBER, BLACK-SMITH, &c., &c., has REMOVED from No. 35, Queen's Road East, to No. 6, Peel Street, close to No. 120, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1883. [620]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE "DIVIDEND" at the rate of 6 per cent. of \$4.50 per Share, declared at the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS held THIS DAY will be Payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 31st instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th July, 1883. [601]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at THREE O'CLOCK P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of accounts to the 30th June, 1883.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 20th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd August, 1883. [614]

TENDERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE WRECK OF THE U.S.S. "ASHUELOT."

TENDERS will be received for the Purchase of the wreck of the
U. S. S. "ASHUELOT,"
as she now lies, together with all her armament, tackling, and equipment, comprising—
4 VIII in. M.L.S.B. GUNS.
2 VII in. M.L.R.
6 BRONZE HOWITZERS.

And about 100 stands of Small Arms, Rifles, Breachloaders, &c. of the latest style, with a number of Pistols and Revolvers; also about eighty Hermetically Sealed Tanks of Powder containing about 150 lbs. each, about \$4,000 worth of new composite Boiler Tubes, and all the other appliances connected with the Armament of a War Vessel. Her equipment consists in part of 2 Bowser Anchors and 300 fathoms of heavy Chain; 2 Stream Anchors and Chains, and several Kedges; new patent Capstan; Copper Pilot House (over one ton in weight); Engines and Boilers and a large supply of Engineers' Tools, all of the best description. Two Iron Chests containing about \$5,000 in Clear Mexican Gold.

The "ASHUELOT" is lying about three quarters of a mile to the N.E. of the Lamock Light House in about fourteen fathoms of water. The Vessel is in an upright position, sheltered from the S.W. monsoon, and with proper appliances could be easily salvaged, and would make a handsome return to those who are in a position to undertake the salvaging of her.

Further Particulars can be obtained at the PANAMA CANAL OFFICE, No. 14, Beaconsfield Arcade, and Tenders will be received up to and including the 14th day of August.

E. M. WHITEHOUSE,
Paymaster, U.S. Navy,
No. 14, Beaconsfield Arcade, Hongkong.

J. M. GUEDES.

U.S. LAND AND BROKER.
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION AGENT.
No. 15, WELLSINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [5]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"
Captain Cullen, will be despatched for the above Port, TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at DAY-LIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [621]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"JORGE JUAN,"
Captain Thebaud, will be despatched for the above Port, on THURSDAY, the 9th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [622]

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"YORKSHIRE,"
Captain Arnold, will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1883. [618]

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"GALLEY OF LORNE,"
Captain Pomroy, due, on or about the 12th inst., will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 6th August, 1883. [625]

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

THE Steamship

"GOLCONDE,"
Andrac, Commander, will sail on or about the 20th August, for MARSEILLES, via SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, and SUEZ; and with leave to call at PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection with these Steamers the Company runs a Line from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON, leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by which through freight may be booked.

The Company has a Forwarding Agency at Paris, 9, Rue de Rougemont, giving special facilities to Shippers.

Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and Stewards.

This Steamer has splendid accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The Line is noted for its Cuisine and Beer and Table Wines are included in the Passage Money.

Special rates are arranged for families.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st July, 1883. [580]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 L. I. L. British Ship

"G. C. TRUFANT,"
Thomas, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [563]

Mails.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship

"ARABIC,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, TO-MORROW, the 8th August, at THREE P.M.

"Connection" being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months will be allowed a discount of 50 per cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 25 per cent. will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central, and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 304, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 20th July, 1883. [5]